IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA BIG STONE GAP DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
v.) Case No.: 2:16cr00010
JAMES ROBINSON, Defendant)

ORDER

Pursuant to Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 6(e), 16, and 26.2, 26 U.S.C. §§ 6103(h)(4)(D) and (i)(4)(A), and the authority of this court to administer its proceedings, and on motion of the United States, it is **ORDERED** that:

- 1. The United States is permitted to disclose to counsel for the defense as part of voluntary discovery, grand jury materials, tax return information, criminal histories, medical records, witness interview reports, materials covered by the Privacy Act, and other materials;
- 2. Any material provided by the United States Attorney's Office to defense counsel shall be covered by this Order and shall be defined as "original material" for purposes of this order;
- 3. The United States and defense counsel may use this material for the prosecution and defense of the case, respectively, and make such further disclosures as may be necessary for, and for the sole purpose of, prosecuting and defending this case;
- 4. Counsel for the defense may use this material solely for the defense of the case, may not copy any of the material except as needed for defense of the case (any copy is governed by this Order as if it were

- the original) and may not remove or allow the removal of any of this material from the office of defense counsel unless kept in the personal possession of defense counsel at all times;
- 5. Before a defendant views any of the material, defense counsel shall provide the defendant with a copy of this Order;
- 6. A defendant may not be in possession of any of the material unless in the presence of defense counsel;
- 7. Defense counsel shall diligently protect from unnecessary dissemination any of the following information included in the materials: social security account numbers, dates of birth, financial account numbers, and home addresses. While defense counsel may disclose such information, if necessary for the defense, defense counsel shall not provide to and shall not allow the defendant to possess any documentation of such information.
- 8. If defense counsel does not wish to receive the above described materials, defense counsel:
 - a. Shall so advise, in writing, the court and the United States Attorney's upon receipt of this Order;
 - b. Shall not view, nor allow anyone else to view, any of the materials; and
 - c. Forthwith, shall return all materials to the United States Attorney's Office and shall destroy all copies (electronic or otherwise) of the materials;
- 9. If defense counsel is removed from the case, defense counsel, forthwith, shall return all original material to the United States Attorney's Office;

10. This order and its provisions continue beyond the conclusion of this

case and continue to apply to any defense counsel who is removed

from the case; and

11. Notwithstanding interpretations of Virginia Rule of Professional

Conduct 1.16(e) or any other provision of law or ethical rule, defense

counsel may never provide the materials to a defendant, including,

but not limited to, for use by the defendant to prepare a petition

pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2255.

Unauthorized disclosure of grand jury information and tax returns is a

violation of federal law. Unauthorized disclosure of any of the material could

endanger witnesses, subject them to intimidation, chill their candor, violate their

privacy, impede future investigations and have other negative consequences.

Witness intimidation, threatening, and tampering are criminal acts and are subject

to punishment accordingly. Violation of this Order also may be deemed a

contempt of court pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 401.

ENTERED: August 25, 2016.

<u>s/ Pamela Meade Sargent</u>

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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